

## ALL NECESSITIES ABOARD FRENCH HOSPITAL SHIPS

Vessels in Roads of Saloniki Constitute Only Sanitary Spot in Balkans.

### SUN-PARLORS ARE EQUIPPED

Operating Rooms Below Deck Complete in Every Detail—Agreeable Fate for Allied Soldier to Be Taken Ill or Slightly Wounded.

ABOARD THE FRENCH HOSPITAL SHIP CHARLES ROUX, HARBOR OF SALONIKI, Greece, is quite the most agreeable fate that can overtake an allied soldier in the Balkan campaign. Not that the hospital facilities of the ancient Turkish city are famous, or even adequate. They are not. But there are four French and one British hospital ship in the roads of Saloniki, and they constitute by far the most comfortable of any of the only sanitary spots in the Balkan peninsula.

The French have been better prepared from the very outset of the present Balkan campaign in every detail of military organization than their British allies. No better example of the thoroughness of this preparation could be given than the arrangements for caring for the sick and wounded. Long before there was any possibility of landing of the first contingent of French troops on Greek soil, the French hospital ship sphinx was lying ready in the harbor of Saloniki. As the number of French disembarked increased, automatically more hospital ships put in an appearance. First the Duguay Trouin, with its sheltered decks and its high stern like the poop of a Spanish galleon, all porches and awnings and lounging places for the convalescent; next this ship, the Charles Roux, with its operating rooms, its surgical clinics and its complete provision for the care of the more seriously wounded and finally the Canadian ship, the Hecate, with its full complement of nurses, surgeons, physicians, sisters of charity and all the rest of the paraphernalia of the aftermath of battle.

### SICK MAY VIEW BAY AND REMAIN AT EASE

In many ways the Charles Roux is the most interesting, especially as it is the principal operating theater of the floating hospitals of Saloniki, and especially as the surgeon-major, Dr. Heitz-Boyer, is one of the most distinguished and best-known surgeons in Paris. The ship was converted from one of the larger passenger steamers that in time of peace made the voyage from Marseilles to Alger. As such, it is roomy enough, for not only have the saloons, now required as operating chambers, been turned into wards to add to the accommodations of the cabins but the great broad decks have been cleared in, making the most agreeable of sun-parlors in which are set in long rows so that the sick and wounded, in the warmth of the afternoon sun, may lie quiet and look out at the splendid view the Bay of Saloniki affords.

Here, too, the convalescent, propped up with pillows, sheltered, excellently cared for and competently nursed by volunteer French women, who have passed the necessary examinations and had the requisite experience, rather strength against the time when they may go back and "have another go at 'em," as the "troops" in the next cot to the associated press correspondent, put it. Under such circumstances the wounded soldier has all the advantages and none of the drawbacks of "the Naples of the Orient" as its inhabitants call Saloniki. If his cot is on the south side of the ship, he has before him the new snow-capped crests of the mountains of Kalcis; those three fingers of land that stretch into the Aegean, with convent-crowned Mount Athos dipping the first finger up, to the west, confused with the clouds, he has the peaks of Thessaly—Mount Olympus, the home of the gods of ancient Greece, and beyond, Mount Ossa, and, perhaps even dim in the distance, Mount Pelion, both of mythological fame. The rare and changing beauty of the clouds above these snow-capped heights, the singular coloring in no wise lessened by the odors, the noises and the discomforts of life ashore in Saloniki.

On the other hand, should the patient be placed on the north side of the ship, the view is no less attractive. Saloniki itself, charming from a distance, straggling along the curving shore, mounting the hill behind the town to the walled citadel that caps its crest, dozens of exquisite, white minarets like altar candles proud and slim, their domes hung with lines

terms against the fete of Ramadan, long, uneven rows of mysterious houses, with projecting, latticed balconies, walled and secret gardens, revealing only the lofty monument of a single minaret; barren spots on the peopled hillside that are cemeteries, the gray-white of their jumbled headstones gleaming in the morning sun. Below decks all is ready for any and every operation. Every kind of electric light gives the surgeon all the facilities necessary for searching wounds. Rows of glass cases contain shining instruments, while porcelain tables display shallow glass dishes for sterilizing the instruments, each dish covered with a heavy glass plate to keep out any extraneous substance. Each specialist has his own operating room, in addition to which there is a very complete pharmacy, a biological laboratory, an X-ray apparatus, with the necessary facilities for photographing the "insides" of the patient and a perfectly equipped darkroom to develop the photographs. In completion of the picture there are the silent, efficient little sisters of charity, their great, white, wing-like head-dresses bobbing and nodding as they wearers hurry hither and thither, a chain upon which are hung the keys to the supply closets dangling from their waists, a tin of baked and sterilized bandages under one arm, or a packet of books and magazines destined for some convalescent patient.

All of this is the work of the women of France, the organization known as the "Society for Wounded Soldiers," whose committee even now is in Saloniki looking after arrangements, criticizing, making suggestions and charging themselves with securing from the great hearts of the French women all that may be needed to see that the soldiers of the French republic, however far he may be from home, shall have every proper care and comfort.

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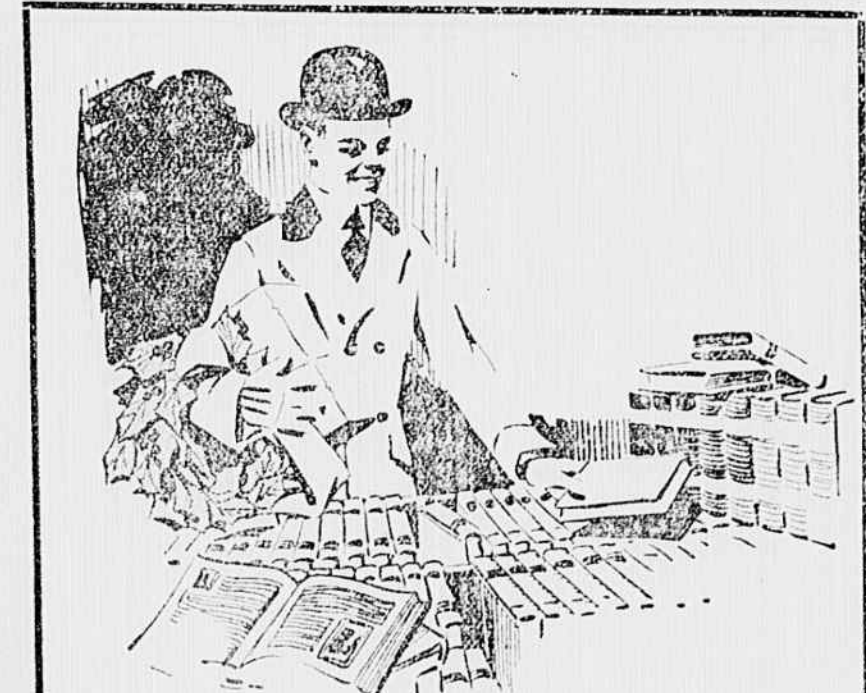
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**\$4.95**

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Merry House Slippers, of imitation alligator, in black and tan; special, 50c  
Children's German Felt Slippers, sizes 7 to 13 1/2; special ..... 50c

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It's a certain fact that if you give her a Kimono you cannot go wrong, for no matter how many she has, there's always use for one more. You'll find here Kimonos made of silk, dannalette, crepe or crepe de chine, in a broad assortment of colors and styles, at prices which will save you money over what you would have to pay in other stores—

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## The Giving of a Beautiful NEW WAIST

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## Christmas Handkerchiefs

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Children's Box Handkerchiefs, colored embroidered figures or initials; three in a box, a box ..... 15c

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Women's Crepe de Chine Solid Colored Hemstitched, also Embroidered and printed bordered Handkerchiefs; each, 25c and ..... 15c

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Child's Wash Set, tub, wash board, clothes baskets, etc., ..... 70c  
Imported Enamelled Kitchen Sets, 12 pieces, in box ..... 40c  
Our Leader—22-inch Imported Jointed Doll, moving eyes, shoes and stockings ..... \$1.25

## Fine Quality SILKS, Worth From \$1.50 to \$2.00 a Yard

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\$1.50—36-inch Black Skinner's Satin

**\$1.19**

## Christmas Gloves

Women's Kid Gloves, white and black; a pair ..... \$1.00  
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Boys' Unlined Kid Gloves, just like dad's; a pair ..... \$1.00  
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Olive or Vinegar Cruets, inlaid silver ..... 50c  
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